

# You Live After Death

## TWO WORLDS

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### Process of materialisation is photographed

#### Camera records each phase

HERE IS A UNIQUE SET OF PICTURES, REMARKABLE IN THAT THEY DEPICT THE WHOLE PROCESS OF MATERIALISATION. THE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE UNIQUE BECAUSE THE MEDIUM AND THE MATERIALISATION ARE VISIBLE IN EVERY PICTURE, WHICH MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY ALLEGATION OF TRICKERY TO BE MADE.

The pictures reveal how ectoplasm, coming mainly from the medium, is gradually built up from a pillar of cloud into the complete figure of the medium's guide.

The medium is Ethel Post-Parrish, with whom I sat when I visited America. The photographs were taken at Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Pennsylvania, where I attended a materialisation seance with this medium.

Silver Belle, her guide, materialised and came to me. I accompanied her a distance of about 40 feet back to the cabinet, which was merely a curtained-off enclosure. I was invited to go inside and make sure that the medium was there.

Not only did I see her, but I was told to touch her head and to feel all down one side just to make sure. All the time Silver Belle stood outside the cabinet, so that I stood between the medium and the materialised form, and saw them both at the same time.

#### NO RESTRICTIONS

The story of how this remarkable set of pictures was obtained was described in "Psychic Observer," whose Editor, Ralph G. Pressing, was present. No attempt was made to restrict the members of the seance to a chosen few.

Pressing points out that the fact that this materialisation seance was to be held appeared on the programme as part of the camp's activities. Thousands of these programmes were posted, and everyone was invited to attend.

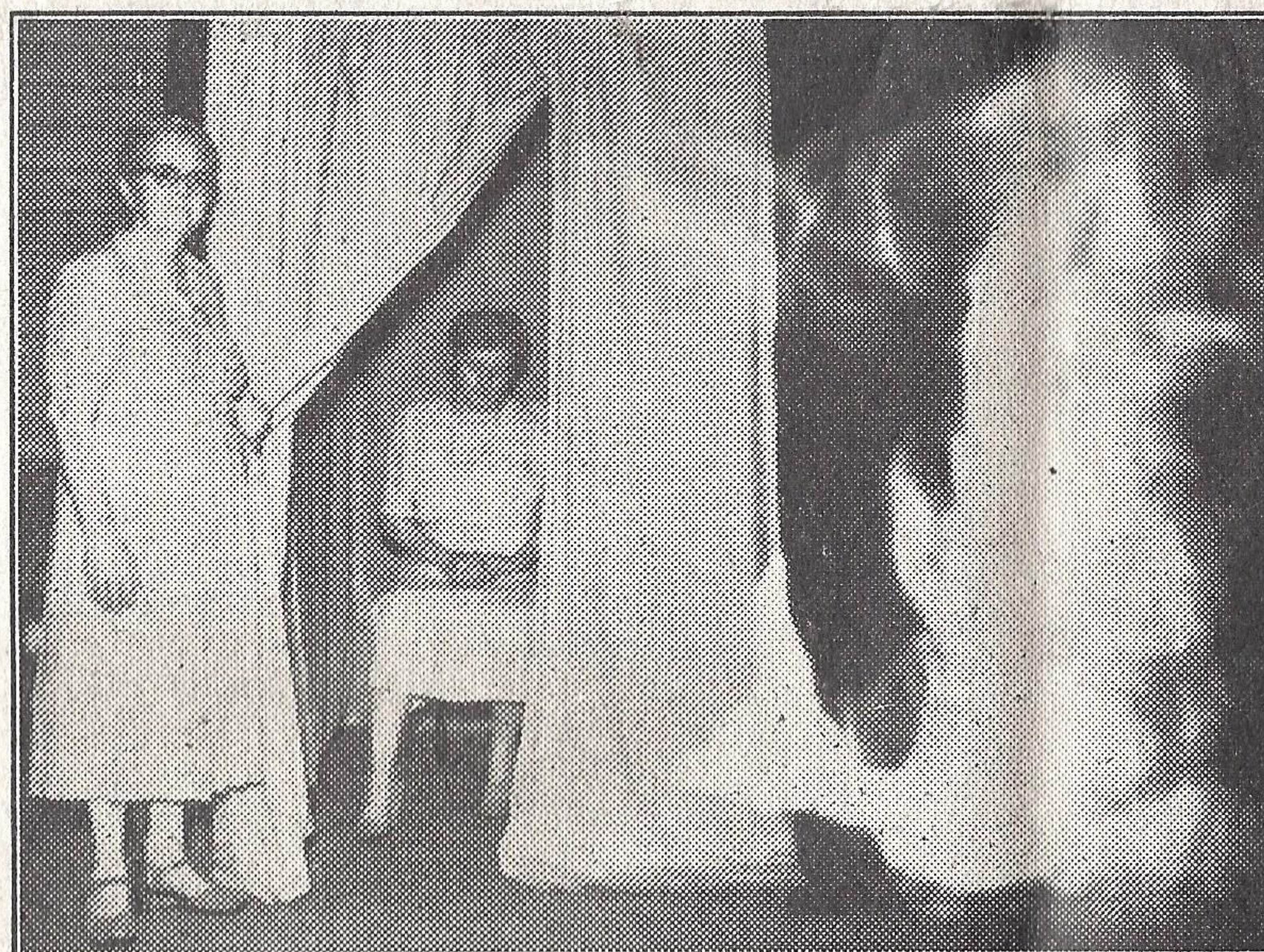
#### OPEN TO ALL

Camps are a feature of American Spiritualism. They are not camps in our sense of the word but summer schools where facilities are available for thousands of people. At Lily Dale, the largest camp, the auditorium seats over 2,000.

Before this seance began at Camp Silver Belle the doors were opened and no one was denied entry. The programme stated that Ethel Post-Parrish's demonstration of physical mediumship would be followed by infra-red photography by Jack Edward.

Edward is a commercial photographer who discovered that he has the gift of spirit photography as well, that is, "extras" of those who have passed on appear on his plates. His psychic gift, however, was not

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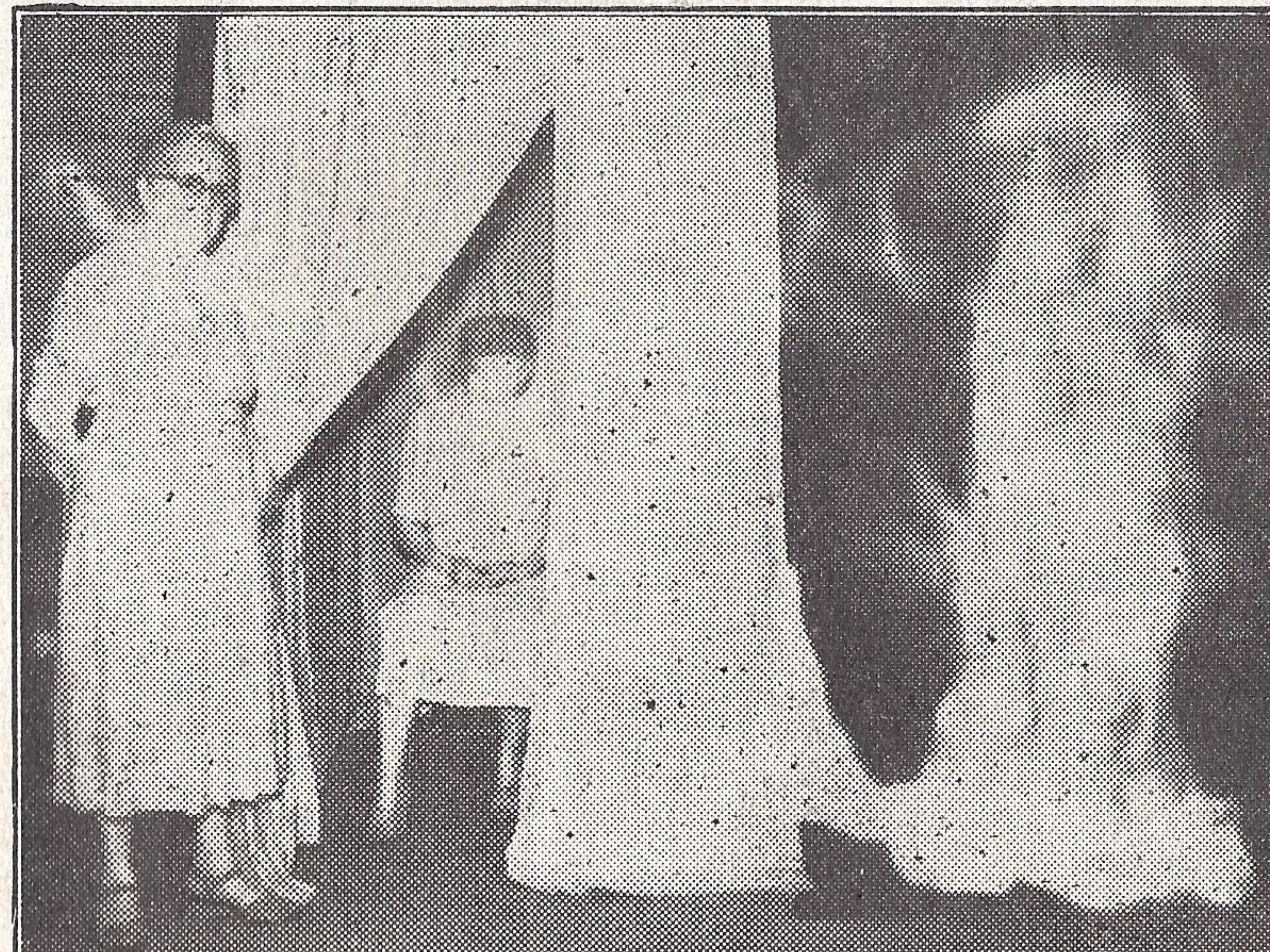
The ectoplasm begins to take shape. Notice the "vapour" effect, coming from the top of the cabinet which, together with triangular mass at the bottom, joins the "pillar of cloud"



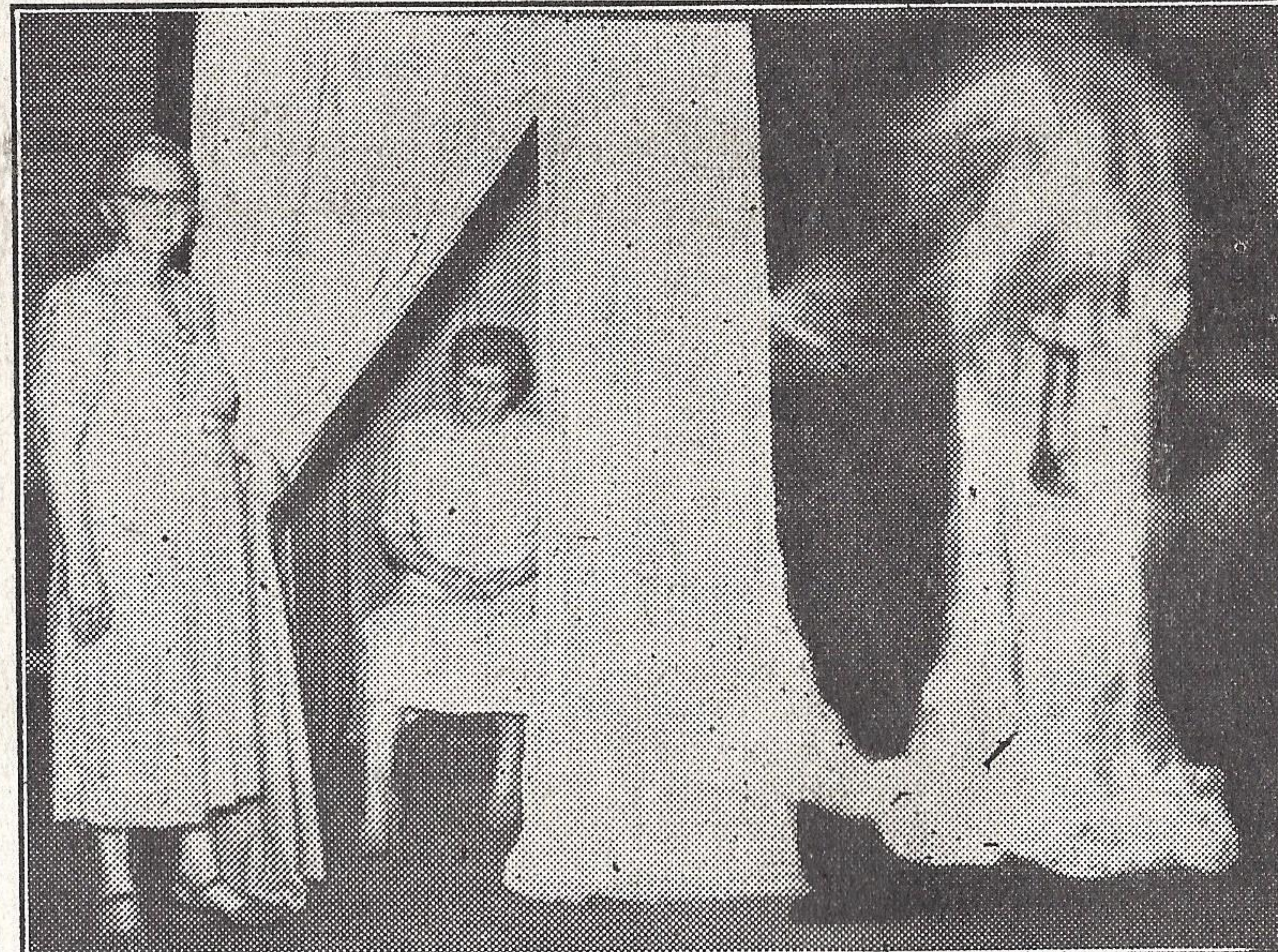
The "vapour" effect has now completely vanished, presumably into the "pillar of cloud," which has gradually solidified. Notice the slight change in the medium, whose legs are crossed



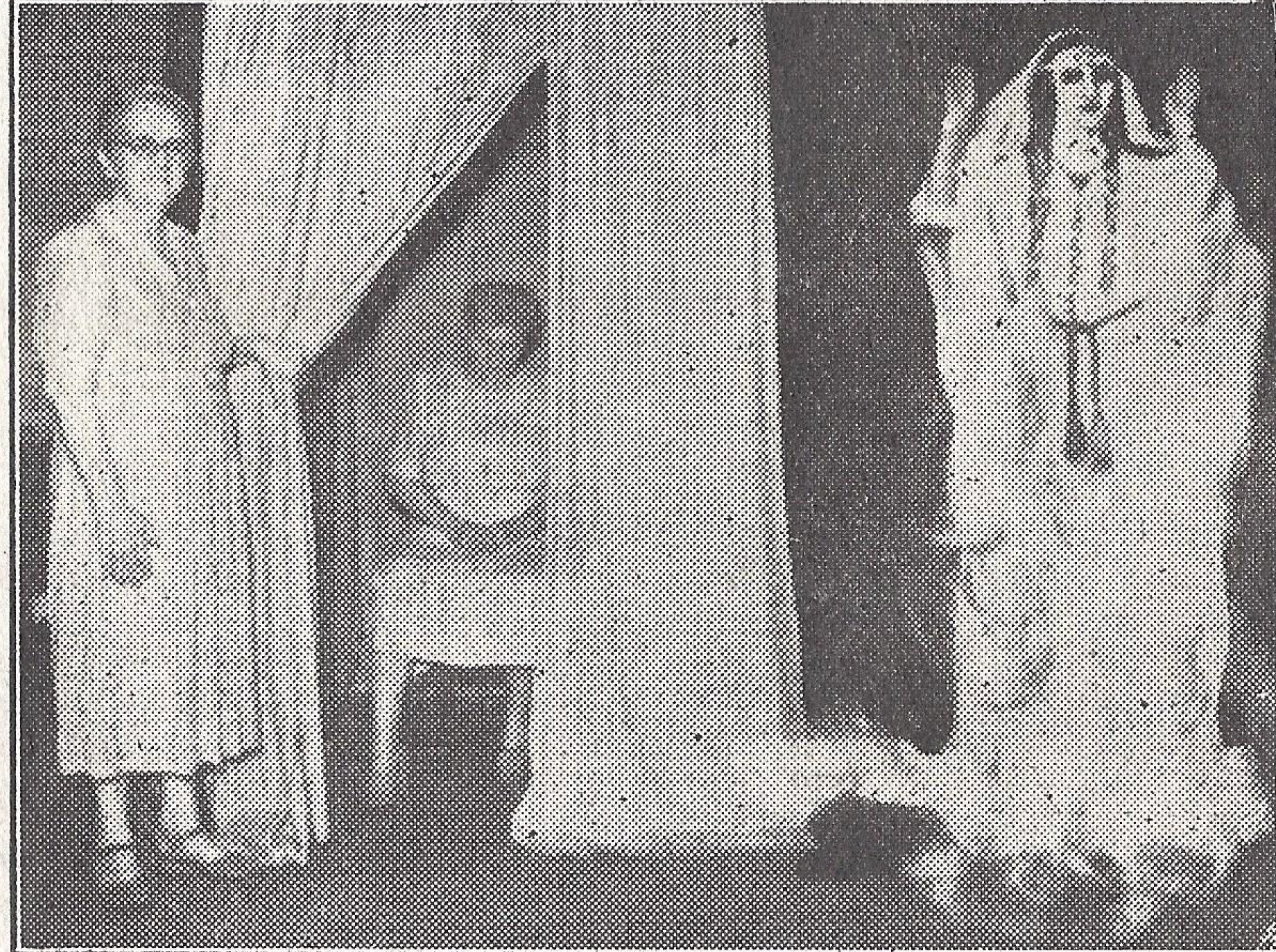
Silver Belle is now completely materialised, except for her arms, which are crossed. The triangular mass has now considerably lessened. There is only a faint "vapour" effect



Ectoplasm can be seen coming from Lena Barnes Jefts, standing at the cabinet's opening, and from the medium, Ethel Post-Parrish. The "vapour" effect and the triangular mass are still visible



The materialised figure of Silver Belle, the medium's guide, begins to take shape. Her tassels and part of her arms are now visible. There is a little more "vapour" effect



Silver Belle holds another pose. In the seance room thousands have seen her, with her robe, braids, tassels, headband and forehead star, as she appears in this picture



# Medium frees earthbound spirit from a haunted house

## "TWO WORLDS" REPORTER

THE mystery of the haunted inn at the little Berkshire village of Blewbury has been finally solved. I was there last week when the ghost was laid. He has promised, reluctantly, to behave himself from now on.

The disturbances began six months ago, barely a year after Mr. and Mrs. Spriggs, who have two children—a boy of six and a girl just 13—took over the inn.

They were awakened one cold October night by the sound of heavy, wet footsteps. Something was squelching and stamping about the place. Mr. Spriggs hurried down to remonstrate with what he thought to be an intruder a little the worse for drink. But no one was there.

Ever since that time there have been footsteps in the bar, on the stairs, in the bedrooms, in the forecourt and even in the back yard.

The little boy has often cried out, "Mummy, someone is walking round my bed."

In the dead of night, Jill, the 13-year-old, has heard "something" start to walk up the stairs and then suddenly break into a run.

## WIFE WAS SCARED

Doors began mysteriously to close . . . and open. Then, frighteningly, night after night, came the sound of clinking bottles.

Mr. Spriggs, who has T.B., became very ill. His wife was too scared to enter her son's bedroom. "He (the ghost) is always in that room," she explained.

Frequently they heard the sound of rushing water coming from the bar. It seemed to be pouring down the walls and splashing about the floor. But, of course, when they investigated, the room was untouched.

## MOVING PHOTOGRAPHS

Finally came the strangest thing of all. One morning, photographs were found strewn in the forecourt, on the roof of a stable, and in the topmost branches of a sycamore tree that grows in front of the inn. These photographs had been stored in a locked box, kept in an outside loft. The only way this loft could be reached was by ladder—and there was no ladder nearby at the time.

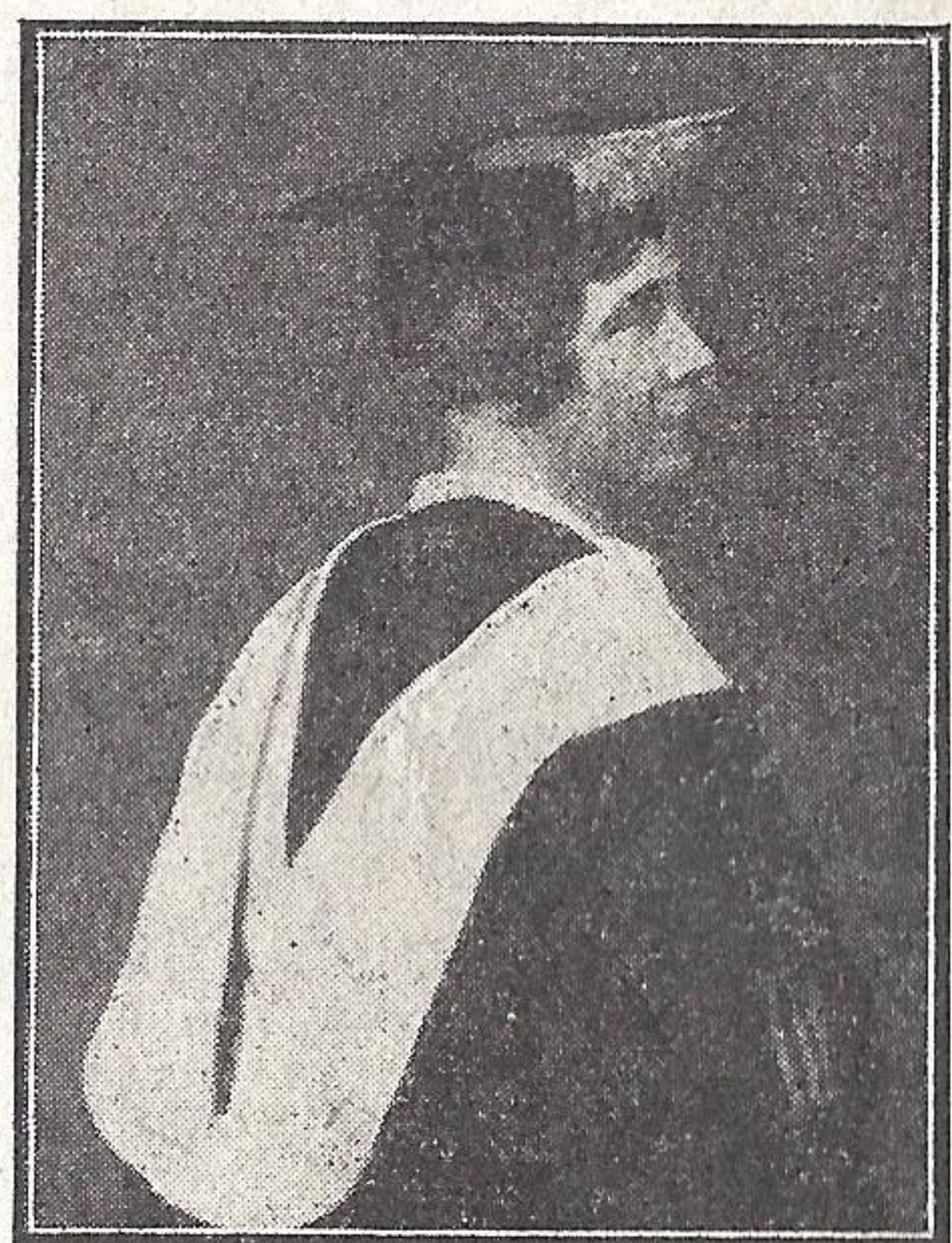
Mr. Spriggs had had enough. He went to see the previous occupant of the premises and asked him if he had experienced any disturbances. The reply was "No."

## TO THE RESCUE

The phenomena continued unabated. Then local Spiritualists came to the rescue. They contacted Mrs. Laura Titchener, a well-known medium who has had many years' experience in unravelling mysteries of this nature. To prevent any suspicion of collusion they told her nothing, except that they wished her to exorcise what they thought to be a poltergeist.

I met Mrs. Titchener in Abingdon, some miles from Blewbury. Shortly afterwards we were picked up at an arranged rendezvous and taken by car to Blewbury.

As we sped through the lovely, open countryside, darkness began to descend, but I was just able to catch a glimpse of Harwell, that nursery of atomic destruction,



Mrs. Laura Titchener

before it was shrouded by night. "A strange contrast," I thought. "There is the home of atomic science, embodying all that is most modern; yet only a mile away in some timbered inn is that ancient phenomenon, the ghost."

As we drove up to the inn and stopped under the soaring sycamore tree, I noticed that the "closed" sign hung in the window. A seance had been arranged. The local inhabitants would have to stay thirsty until it was over.

We were led into the bar. An enormous fireplace occupied practically all of one wall. Round it and in it—yes in it—chairs had been placed. The seance was ready to begin. All eyes were on the medium.

Mrs. Titchener then did a strange thing. She took from her bag a pack of playing cards and placed them on the table. "I felt impressed to bring them," was all she would say. Many curious glances were exchanged. Had they invited the wrong person? Was this woman a fortune-teller?

## "I FEEL AGITATED"

The electric light bulb was taken from its socket and in its place was inserted a tiny filament that cast a dull red glow—just enough to see by.

A simple prayer was offered. Suddenly, dramatically, the medium whispered: "I feel agitated—terribly, terribly agitated. There is a spirit here—a man."

She was speaking rapidly now. "He is tall," she said. "A tall, thin man, slightly stooped. He is wearing a shabby, old-fashioned coat. He is connected with this place. He tells me he used to live here. His name is Edwin."

A member of the circle who acknowledged this, told me afterwards that Edwin Fry, a former owner of the inn, had lived there for 44 years but had moved shortly before his death.

## HE WAS RESENTFUL

"He bears a deep resentment about something," the medium went on. "Are you making alterations to the place?" she asked Mr. Spriggs.

When the owner answered in the affirmative, the medium launched into a long conversation with the communicator, explaining that the inn no longer belonged to him—that he was in another world now and should cease tormenting people.

During this (what was to us one-sided) conversation, the medium interpolated fact after fact about

Edwin's appearance, habits, relatives and possessions, all of which was verified. One by one she correctly described the disturbances he had caused, extracting his inaudible promise not to persist in them.

She was able to describe the bedroom Edwin had occupied during his time at the inn—incidentally she had not been upstairs. It was the bedroom belonging to the young boy—the bedroom Mrs. Spriggs said she had been too frightened to enter!

Miscellaneous objects which had belonged to the communicator, and which were still in the building, were unerringly described by the medium. The box in the loft contained objects he had owned and left behind him; the photographs were his.

Again and again, the medium referred to a flagstone that the communicator seemed to want to lift. "Is there water in the garden?" she inquired.

"Yes," she was answered. "There is a well in the garden. It is covered over by a large flagstone."

"He seems to resent this," replied the medium.

## RESENTED MODERNISATION

"I know why that is," broke in a sitter who had been acquainted with Edwin. "When tap water was put on here he refused to touch it. Right up until the time he left he would always use the well."

Gradually the story was unfolded. Edwin in his 44 years at the inn had grown to love it and, now that he had passed on, resented that its younger owners sought to modernise it. At first he would not listen to the medium, but gradually she was able to quieten him and explain that he had a life to live in another sphere of existence.

The tension on the faces of Mr. and Mrs. Spriggs eased as, minute by minute, it became apparent that the medium was winning her battle. At last she told us that Edwin had promised to leave the family in peace.

"I feel," said the medium, "that he will have a long rest now. When he wakes he will no longer be earthbound."

## REASON FOR CARDS

The seance was ended. The lights went on. Soon the sound of laughter and the clink of glasses were heard. The inn was opened to the public. Soon, too, ruddy-cheeked farmers and jovial men from nearby racing stables were mingling with the rest of us.

Mrs. Spriggs played softly on the piano. Her husband chatted to the medium.

I sat looking at the forgotten cards. "Why," I thought, "did she bring the cards?"

I was soon to know. One of the first to enter when the bar reopened was an old friend of Edwin. He was introduced to me after a while and I asked if Edwin had been interested in cards.

"I should say he was," came the reply. "Him and me always used to play crib together right here in this bar. He was dead keen on cards all right."

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# Airman's album is proof of his survival

By Philip Paul

IT was in 1944 that Pilot Officer Kenneth Clark waved away the ground crew and catapulted his Spitfire into the clouds for the last time. Short minutes after their roaring stab into the heavens, man and machine were hurtling earthwards again through the nightmare seconds that preceded their explosive disintegration.

Three weeks ago, Kenneth's mother, Mrs. A. Clark, of 73, Topsham Road, Tooting Bec, London, S.W., renewed the flowers she keeps beside her airman son's portrait on a piano with a large bunch of multi-coloured tulips. Going to a cupboard, she looked sadly through an album of cigarette cards showing famous cricketers that he had assembled before his untimely death.

## HIS OLD BAT

In a corner stood another of his every-day possessions that she had treasured since the day of the telegram, a well-used cricket bat. But what was the use of keeping such things?

Last Sunday, Mrs. Clark sat amid the assembly for the Marylebone Spiritualist Association's Easter Day service at Victoria Hall, Bloomsbury. Her heart beat the faster when, during a demonstration of clairvoyance, Mrs. Frank Brown indicated her with the words, "There is a Ken here. He is talking about tulips. He was very pleased with them, especially with the dozen that were of the same colour."

"I understand" said Mrs. Clark. "You have been rearranging furniture."—"Yes."

"And have you had some chairs repaired?"—"No, but they need it!"

"Well, you had better get them done, for he is showing them to me repaired!"

## NO SUFFERING

"Now he is showing me a book of stamps or cigarette cards. He is very glad you kept them because they took him a long time to collect."—"I know."

"He wants me to tell you that he did not suffer. And he has met Ron."—"Yes."

"They were both fond of cricket."—"Quite right."

"He says, 'Never part with my cricket bat.'"—"Oh dear, I was going to."

"Would you know somebody who lives at a Ravenslea Road?"—"I know the road."

"Well, this is number 98 where somebody has just passed."—"Thank you, I will find out."

## NEW DISCOVERIES

A newcomer to Victoria Hall, Hugh J. Schonfield, introduced as a student of the ancient languages and the archaeology of the Far East, spoke of the recent finding of ancient literature in scrolls located within certain caves in Palestine. These discoveries might well, he asserted, constitute a great modern resurrection when the necessary translations had been completed.

The initial find occurred in 1947, when some Bedouin stumbled upon a hole in a cliff. Hearing a crash within when they threw a stone inside, they thought they had discovered a hoard of coin, but when

the cave was opened a different kind of treasure was uncovered. In earthenware jars, some 11 complete scrolls and many hundreds of fragments were found.

One scroll proved to be a manuscript of the book of Isaiah, 1,000 years older than anything of the kind formerly discovered. Another scroll, containing repeated references to "The Teacher of Righteousness," gave a commentary of the destruction of Palestine by the Romans, but it had not been discovered whether this referred to the destruction of 63 B.C. or A.D. 70.

Half of the scrolls were now in the possession of St. Mark's Monastery of Jerusalem and the other half had been sold to Jerusalem University. The American School of Oriental Research was assisting in deciphering them.

"As a result of these discoveries," he concluded, "we shall certainly learn much of the saints of the desert who treasured them up. Much help may come of this literary resurrection from the dead."

# AMERICA READS LESTER'S BOOK

THE U.S.A. edition of Reginald M. Lester's book "In Search of the Hereafter," was published a few days ago in New York. In the publisher's announcement, the managing director, Wilfred Funk, writes:

"We, as publishers, have been sceptics on the subject of psychic phenomena and have shied away from books on this topic. But when this manuscript came into our office we felt that it must see the light of day."

Lester is still receiving readers' letters at the rate of over a dozen a week and they now number well over the thousand mark.

## Hitch-hiking for ghosts

TWO ghost-hunters are planning to hitch-hike round the world in search of likely material. They are A. E. Vincent, a 38-year-old Birmingham engineer, and Dennis Brockley, a 25-year-old writer from Hedgesford, Staffs. Both are members of the Birmingham Institute of Psychic Research. They plan to hitch-hike through Europe to Yugoslavia, Greece, India, China, and finally to the United States.

IN reporting the passing of P. G. Blyth, the Marylebone Spiritualist Association announces that this member has left them a gift of £250 in his will.

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# Healer cures 84-year-old woman certified blind by Government oculist

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**A**N 84-year-old woman saw me standing at the foot of her bed. Asked what I was doing, she replied, "He is writing," which was so.

On the face of it an unremarkable state of affairs. Yet this woman has been certified as completely blind by a Government oculist and she receives an additional pension on the strength of it!

Spirit healing has once more accomplished the seemingly miraculous, manifesting where orthodox medicos have confessed impotency, restoring sight to blind eyes.

Last week I went to see the once-blind woman. She lives in a little room over a shop in Barnes, London, S.W. With me was Bertie Martin, the healer who enabled her to see.

## BECAUSE OF RAIN

Martin is unspectacular. He looks and talks like the average middle-aged civil servant. Two years ago he was the average middle-aged civil servant; then because of a downpour of rain, his carbon-copy, nine-to-five existence took on a sudden, startling significance.

The rain came one evening when his Spiritualist wife was getting ready for the development circle she held weekly at their home. Martin was getting ready to go for a walk.

He was not interested in Spiritualism, still less in psychic development. "Circle night" was his night out.

## FOUND HE WAS A MEDIUM

On this occasion, however, it was raining so heavily he could get no further than the front door.

"Why not sit in the circle?" asked his wife. Martin refused point-blank.

But women, especially wives, have a way with them. Martin sat.

Soon there came unmistakable indications that he possessed mediumistic powers. In six brief weeks he was a fully-developed, deep trance medium. He began trance healing, controlled by a Dr. Kayenne, who claims to be an expert on osteopathy.

Martin's work became so extensive and his sense of mission so deep that one courageous day he left the comfortable security of the Civil Service and, with voluntary donations his only source of income, took up full-time healing. This was in spite of having to support a wife and two children!

## INSTANTANEOUS

As I watched him treat the frail old lady, whose eyes were eloquent with trust and gratitude, I made up my mind to investigate some of his other cases. So one evening I went to his Wandsworth home.

As a healing session was in progress I was shown into the living room where patients were seated waiting their turn for treatment.

I began chatting to one powerfully-built man who told me that this was his fifth visit. He had first been brought to Martin—or perhaps it should be Dr. Kayenne—while suffering from a prolapsed disc. At that time he was in constant agony and had been in bed



Here is Bertie Martin, the medium who achieved this outstanding cure

for three weeks on doctor's orders.

The doctor had also instructed him to go to hospital where he would be encased in plaster for anything up to eight months. A friend persuaded him to see the healer first.

The result was an instantaneous cure. "When I first came to Mr. Martin," the man told me, "I practically crawled in. . . I walked out as large as life."

## BACK AT WORK

This took place on a Thursday. On the following Monday morning when he should have been wearing a plaster jacket, he was back at his building trade job, high among scaffolding.

As I was being told this, a six-year-old boy ran out of the adjoining room where he had been receiving healing. He seemed normal except for a slight limp, but when I spoke to his parents I was told he had been a polio victim for three years. Doctors had said he would not walk again, yet after two months healing here he was sprightly and agile.

## HE HAD WASTED AWAY

When the little boy and his grateful parents had gone, the medium's wife showed me some written testimonials, one of which came from a man who, prior to healing, had been discharged from the Navy with arthritis of the spine.

From a massive 17 stone he had wasted away to a shadow and was "unable to pick a matchstick off the floor." He wrote:

"As you know I was in constant pain day and night. Although I attended hospitals and various doctors there was or seemed to be no cure. However, after the third visit to you the pain has lessened and sometimes I go for weeks now without a sign of pain. . . I am a different man altogether."

Since that letter was written he has been fully cured. So vehement is he by nature that he will almost bludgeon ailing strangers into visiting the healer. He has brought over a hundred people to the Martin sanctuary in this way!

Another testimonial reads:

"I wish to thank you for the excellent treatment you have given me since I came to you four weeks ago. Since the manipulation of my spine, and massage, I have been in better health than for years."

"The frequent headaches from which I suffered have become rarer, and less violent, which shows that

## SAGA OF SPIRIT HEALING—2

**F**OR the second article in our series, we tell of the work of one healer who has yet to achieve fame. He is Bertie Martin, whose life is dedicated to utilising his gift in the service of the suffering.

This new series has aroused widespread interest. Every day we have received letters describing activities in spirit healing up and down the country.

At the dinner to welcome *Two Worlds* to London, the other night, Helen Hughes referred to the way in which healing had become almost our main activity today. "Do not all become healers," she urged; "we need some clairvoyants."

## VITAL QUESTIONS

Every aspect of healing will be covered in this series. A few days ago, the "Surrey Advertiser," reviewing Harry Edwards's latest book, "The Evidence for Spirit Healing," said the fact that there were cures was beyond challenge. It asked these pertinent questions:

"Why are spirit agencies dependent on invitation to intervene? Why must the invitation be addressed to the medium (according to the book they need not even reach him before the healing process starts)? Why do some receive full healing, some a modicum of relief, and others none at all? Why should one medium be more spectacularly successful than his fellow spiritual healers since all presumably direct the same influences to the patients?"

In the course of this series we will attempt to answer these questions.

your diagnosis (of a prolapsed vertebral disc) was the correct one, although I had consulted several doctors without any satisfactory diagnosis or treatment."

One of Dr. Kayenne's patients, Mrs. De Fleury, was so pleased with her cure that she has opened her spacious house to invalids living in the provinces and other outlying areas. They stay in Mrs. De Fleury's establishment and are regularly attended by the healer until they are well. Old-age pensioners live there free of charge.

Martin's wife has had personal proof of Dr. Kayenne's powers. While she was expecting her second child she was under his constant observation, "to see that the foetus was properly pitched."

## ABSENCE OF PAIN

When the baby was due to arrive, Mrs. Martin was completely unruffled. *For she experienced not one labour pain.* It was an effortless birth. The two experienced midwives who attended her made no attempt to conceal their astonishment.

Needless to say, Christine and Christopher, the Martin children, have never had an illness or a complaint in their lives.

Why should they with a healer in the house?

# Is 8-year-old conductor spirit controlled?

BY ANTHONY BORGIA

**I** WAS very interested in the article "Is Mystery of Eight-Year-Old Conductor Explained By Spirit Control?" by John Furnell.

An astonishing amount of ignorance exists upon the part of non-musical people (including reporters!) as to the functions of musical conductors. It seems to be thought that conducting is an end in itself, whereas it is only a means to an end.

## SAVED BY ORCHESTRA

The real work is done by the orchestra. Orchestral playing has reached an enormously high standard, instrumentalists being experts upon their particular instrument.

The expertness of the players can and does hide the conductor's deficiencies, and has been known, more than once in this connection, to have saved a concert performance from disaster.

Mr. Furnell refers to Dvorak's "E Minor Symphony," and speaks of its "complicated and intricate rhythms." There are none, musically speaking. The whole work is straightforward from beginning to end, and is a stock item with all symphony orchestras.

One wonders what would happen if Giannella were faced with some of the complicated and intricate rhythms of the Russian masters.

Real conducting is not just beating time—in one enlightened report it was suggested that in Giannella's case a metronome might have done as well. All leading conductors have graduated through orchestras as instrumentalists themselves, and emerged with a wide working knowledge of all the instruments.

Before we, as Spiritualists, stick

out our necks too far in the question of these prodigies, we should first know a little more about the biological side of precocity, which also occurs in the vegetable world, and, I believe, in the animal kingdom.

We have had exhibitions of the human variety in other fields: Shirley Temple, who was an actress, of a sort. There have been chess prodigies, and so on.

There is no shortage of real conductors in the world. It is difficult to think that spirit people would lend assistance at musical buffoonery of this sort. The next thing is that we shall have infants, who have hardly lost their cradle marks, giving "trance" addresses. Heaven preserve us from that!

To say that Giannella "is a gift of God to mankind" makes pretty poor stuff of Beecham and Toscanini, and scores of other conductors who are masters of their craft but have not been referred to as "gifts of God."

## GROOMED FOR STARDOM

To the sponsors of this precocious child she would appear a gift of God—a financial one.

Any youngster of average intelligence can be taught to read music like a book. To this, add extreme precocity, rigorous drilling, and "grooming for stardom" and you have on the one hand a Shirley Temple, and on the other a Giannella.

But neither is capable of adding anything to the respective arts, and are mere reproducers of what has been drummed into them. In the words of Sir Thomas Beecham: "These poor infants should be given a lollipop and sent back to their toys."

# PSYCHIC BOOK IS PRAISED BY THIS NEWSPAPER

**"D**O you believe that it is possible to communicate with the dead? Are you able to acknowledge that it is at least conceivable that the dead are not gone for ever, but have merely passed over to another plane of life?"

These questions are asked by the Durban "Sunday Express" in a lengthy review of "And the Sound of a Voice," the book we are serialising in our columns.

The favourable tone of the review is indicated by these words: "Spiritualists, of course, have always thought so. For them, the fear of death has been removed."

"But, for many people, the practice of communication with the departed has an unfortunate connotation with charlatanism. Sincere

spiritualists are the first to acknowledge the presence of chaldeans and fake mediums; and they are the first to regret their interference."

"For those people who are not spiritualists, but who are interested in spiritualism, Mrs. Carleton Jones's book will provide sensible and fascinating reading. The effect of this 150-page account of spiritualistic phenomena will be to diminish the fear that so many ordinary people have of what they imagine to be some more civilised form of voodoo incantation."

After giving extracts from some of the voice seances described by the author, the reviewer says that it "is a fascinating book, uncluttered with mysterious and furtive warnings."

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—A spirit message.

## Problem of poltergeists

**P**OLTERGEISTS are among the most puzzling forms of psychic phenomena. In this issue we review a new book which sets out the intriguing theories of the joint authors who have spent many years in investigating manifestations that are often irresponsible by nature.

The authors agree that in nearly every case there is to be found in the house a young girl or boy at the age of puberty. The approach of adolescence leads to the liberation of energy that is used in the creation of phenomena which too often are freakish.

### SHE EXPLAINED THE HAUNTING

We also publish an account that cannot really be classified under the heading of poltergeists because it concerns an earthbound entity. Here, a well-known medium has explained why a house has been haunted for over two years.

She did so by the simple process of getting into communication with the former owner and helping to free him from the shackles which bound him to earth. In this case they were his rooted objections to the changes which had been made by new owners since he passed on.

This is one of the many accounts of services performed by mediumship which does not receive much attention from the public or the Press. The idea that people who have died can still be helped is one that is familiar to Spiritualists but not to others.

Mediumship reveals that individuals, both here and what is called hereafter, can be helped in their troubles which, nearly always, are due to ignorance. It is part of the function of Spiritualism to drive out ignorance and replace it with knowledge.

### HELPING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Haunted houses cannot be cleared by bells, books and candles, or by repeating from a book a formula which is supposed to exorcise the earthbound entity. This is not the first time that a medium has helped to "lay a ghost," to bring peace and quiet where disturbance and disorder have prevailed.

There is a sure method of dealing with this problem. The spirit world is composed of people who come to it from this life. When selfishness is abolished there will be no earthbound spirits in the Beyond.

Founded in 1887 by Emma Hardinge Britten.

Obtainable on order from all newsagents and bookstalls every Thursday. Also on sale at Spiritualist societies.

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# ALL WORLDS ARE ONE

## Blow To Materialism

**E**INSTEIN has delivered a shock to materialistic scientists. Last week he offered to the world a single "law" to explain all the workings of the universe. Behind this law is his belief in an orderly universe directed by God.

The law, set down in four deceptively simple equations, is issued as an appendix to his relativity theory. Einstein opposes the scientific theory, now said to be almost extinct, that there is no purpose in the universe, no law of cause and effect. He declares that his single law shows that there are. He sums up his belief in ten words, "I cannot believe that God plays dice with the cosmos."

## Spiritualist Government?

**P**OSSIBILITY of a Spiritualist government in 50 years' time was suggested by E. E. Phillips at Brighton's Easter congress of the S.N.U.'s London District Council.

There was only one Spiritualist M.P. at present, he said, but 50 years ago there was only one Socialist M.P. and their movement had grown large enough to form a government.

He advised his audience to "spill over" into public life, take part in local government and to allow their belief in the brotherhood of man to influence the conduct of material affairs.

## Official's Mistake

**H**ELEN HUGHES told me the other night of a curious incident that happened before she entered the aeroplane at Malta. Turning to her companion, Mrs. L. M. Hill, Helen said, "I know we will have a good flight because I

have just seen Douglas Hogg." He is a pilot whose survival she has proved to his parents.

Whenever she has seen him before a flight it has always been a good one. When they reached the gangway, an official, calling the names of passengers, asked for "Mrs. Hogg and Mrs. Hill." Helen did not answer. The official repeated, "Mrs. Hogg and Mrs. Hill, travelling together." Then the medium answered, but said her name was Hughes.

She thinks the official must have been psychic.

## To Honour A Pioneer

**I** SEE that the M.S.A. has decided to have a stained glass window in memory of George Craze, who gave them over 30 years' service. They consider that he stands out above all other workers because of his devoted labours and his intimate association with their organisation.

Last year, the M.S.A. inaugurated a "book of remembrance" in which were inscribed the names of famous workers who have passed on. The book is on permanent exhibition in the entrance hall of their headquarters.

## Named From Beyond

**I** HAD an unexpected spirit message last week. It came from Red Cloud, guide of Estelle Roberts, when a friend had a sitting with her. My friend did not know at first for whom the message was intended because she was asked to pass it on to "John the Scribe."

It was always Red Cloud's habit to choose names for his friends. Sometimes it took years before their aptness could be appreciated. In my case there was no suggestion of

becoming a "scribe" until long after the guide's designation.

In this connection I am described as "one who has probably written more words on Spiritualism than anyone today." This description occurs in "Service," journal of the Marylebone Spiritualist Association, in its reference to the celebration service to be held at Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, two days before the Coronation at which Shaw Desmond and I are the speakers.

## Psycho-Analyse Ghosts?

**"SHOULD We Psycho-Analyse Ghosts?"** was the headline used in last Monday's "News Chronicle" on Geoffrey Murray's review of the new book on poltergeists by Nandor Fodor and Hereward Carrington. Murray recently wrote a book on our subject.

He dealt with the author's suggestion that poltergeists are caused by "haunted people." If they were given psychiatric treatment the ghost could be effectively laid and the possessed persons freed from all danger.

Murray does not view sympathetically—neither do I—the authors' belief that poltergeistic phenomena are caused by the infantile personality being split off by an "explosive loosening" following the repression of a severe emotional shock. He writes:

"How any part of one's personality can exist independently of the body, and whether this is an indication that the spirit may survive physical death the authors do not discuss."

## A T.V. Campaign?

**A** CORRESPONDENT suggests that we organise a campaign to prevail upon the B.B.C. to televise a Spiritualist service.

While I am propagandist by nature, I do not see the point in campaigning for something that cannot be achieved. After all, we have not yet managed to get equality of religious broadcasting on sound radio. What hopes are there then for television? And I am not sure that one of our services is suitable material for that purpose.

It would be better to get our subject discussed on television, even though it meant having arguments for and against.

## Mrs. Oaten's Gratitude

**R**EADERS will be glad to know that Amy Oaten is happy in her new home.

In a note expressing her grati-

tude for the Ernest Oaten Memorial Fund, she tells me that her new house is in one of the most beautiful parts of Bristol, near the Severn River, a bird paradise.

It must be a source of satisfaction to all who contributed to the fund to know that a woman who gave us years of service is spending the evening of her life in peace and serenity.

## Answer To Prayer

**D**OROTHY KERIN, who has rightly achieved fame for her faith healing, tells in her new book "Fulfilling" a remarkable story of answer to prayer.

She was healed by faith when given up to die and she has adopted nine children, bringing them up as her own.

In the book she describes how, having borrowed £500 from her bank to buy a house for a healing home, she found herself £480 short as time for repayment drew near.

"I knew this was a test of my faith," she writes. "I went to my study, wrote a cheque for £500 for the bank—and placed it upon the chapel altar."

Within a few days subscriptions for her work began to come in again. On the due date the £500 was there. Two of the donors wrote, "God has guided me to send you this."

## His Master's Voice

**A** FRIEND, who lives a lonely life in an isolated cottage with a dog and cat as her only companions, had to go to a seance. As she had not been able to arrange for anyone to look after the animals, she took the dog to the sitting and it followed her into the seance room.

She received excellent evidence from her husband, who spoke through the medium. From the moment he did so, the dog recognised him and became so excited that it was almost impossible to restrain him.

## Tailpiece

**T**RISTAN BERNARD, an actor, said in the "Daily Sketch" last week, that he is finished for ever with clairvoyants. He went to see one for the first time the other day. She was "Madame X," who was supposed to see all and know all. But when he knocked on the door, she called out, "Who's there?"

Maurice Barbanell

## What is wrong today?

**I**T is difficult to judge from the tone of Mr. W. H. Boore's article, "What is wrong with Spiritualism today?" whether he has received evidence of Survival or not. If this blessing has been denied him, then he has my heartfelt sympathy and my prayers that his efforts will meet with success in the near future.

If he has been convinced of Survival through mediumship, then I suggest that he utilises his obvious accomplishment in attacking materialism, or developing that standard of mediumship his own reason demands in others.

It is realised that the standard of psychic demonstrations is not up to that of previous years, but from the medium's point of view the congregations may not be either.

I believe that mediumship would improve if sensitives were treated with greater consideration by those who utilise their services. Mediums like razors lose their keenness when abused.

Mr. Boore touches on a sore point when he mentions the Seven Principles of Spiritualism. He, like many other Spiritualists, considers they are a mistake.

I do not believe the Seven Principles were formulated for those who are spiritually pre-eminent. I am of the opinion that they were prescribed as a guide for ordinary minds such as mine. I feel certain, however, that when we have attained spiritual eminence, a problem like the Seven Principles will no longer worry or concern us.

I fail to see how we can turn spirits away because they are not Spiritualists by definition. Mediums have contacted communicators who have wanted messages conveyed to non-Spiritualists. I should know. I have conveyed messages which have surprised the recipients and they have been accepted as true.

There is a distinct possibility that organised Spiritualism may have dammed the psychic stream by curtailing certain phenomena as undesirable for public demonstration.

In fairness to Mr. Boore, I must admit that I haven't heard an inspiring trance address for years. Spiritualists have now to be satisfied with an edited version of a trance address—a great pity. Silver Birch would make a great propagandist.

In my opinion the profoundest wisdom is expressed simply, so that all may understand the message. That is why I find the wisdom of Silver Birch a welcome relief from those who desire to express their own intellectual power.

If Spiritualism is to succeed it must have leaders who are spiritually developed, who can appeal to those universal qualities immanent in every soul. But no matter how knowledgeable we are or how mediocre we may be, a kind action does more good for Spiritualism than a load of argument.—F. W. Plumtree, 39, Central Avenue, Welling, Kent.

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## Story behind unique photos of guide's materialisation

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used in the taking of the materialisation pictures. This was a straightforward job of photography.

From the audience a committee was chosen to examine the cabinet, the walls, the curtain and the whole of the platform from which all the demonstrations were to be seen. Pressing records that he made a thorough examination beforehand.

To take his pictures, Jack Edward adjusted his camera in the centre of the aisle, focusing his lens directly on the cabinet about 15 or 20 feet away. Behind the cabinet, a red light, about six feet up, was also focused on the cabinet. At its right side a black curtain had been stretched to enable better photographs to be taken of any materialisation.

### PERMISSION GIVEN

Before the bright lights over the platform were extinguished, Ethel Post-Parrish entered the cabinet and sat on a plain wooden chair which, of course, had been examined.

The audience waited for Silver Belle, the medium's guide, to give permission for pictures to be taken. A few moments later she was heard to say, "We are ready." The only lighting used came from the red lamp.

All told, seven pictures were taken with infra-red bulbs and film. We have not reproduced the first because it is similar to the second. Edward allowed 50 to 60 seconds for each exposure, so that the whole set of pictures were obtained within a few minutes.

There was slight confusion when Edward once had difficulty replacing the bulbs and film in almost complete darkness. The red light, which was above his head, did not help his vision. Pressing says it was difficult for those beyond the first two or three rows to see or distinguish much of the phenomena, but the infra-red photography took care of the proceedings.

During the exposures, Lena Barnes Jeffs, who has been associated with the medium for many years, stood at the left of the opening of the cabinet. She was directed by Silver Belle to part the curtain the moment the guide was ready. After each picture was taken the curtain was dropped.

### NO COMPLAINTS

When the seance was over the committee followed Edward into the developing room. Soon they were able to report outstanding results had been obtained. Pressing points out that there were 81 people present, including a number of sceptics. Of these, none found fault with the test conditions, or with the results.

While the materialisations were being photographed Pressing sat on the floor less than two feet away. Though he was able to see vaguely that there were masses of ectoplasmic substance, he had no idea that the pictures when developed would be as vivid or as astounding. The infra-red photography was able to capture more than the human eye could see.

The different stages, showing the growth of materialisation, have, so far as I know, never before been photographed, especially with the medium in view the whole time.

Ethel Post-Parrish has demonstrated materialisation for 30 years in many parts of the United States.

Pressing, in "Psychic Observer," commented that although Edward possesses the gift of spirit photography, his mediumship was in no way responsible for the pictures. Any photographer could have taken the pictures.

"There is no doubt," he adds, "that Silver Belle, through long experience in manifesting, went to great lengths to perfect her own materialised form in that it is identical when compared with other pictures."

### MEDIUM IS STILL

"After each picture was snapped, cabinet attendant Lena Barnes Jeffs was told to drop the curtain during the time Edward changed the plates. There were some who claimed that they could see many spirit forms in and around the cabinet during the time these pictures were taken."

"Whether or not these forms were Silver Belle is a matter of conjecture, but that they were spirits is a foregone conclusion because the close observer will note the position of the medium is practically unchanged."

"This, plus the fact that the medium in each picture is shown seated in the cabinet whilst the embryo of materialisation is taking form outside, adds up to positive proof of personal conscious survival after the change called death."

In the first picture some of the ectoplasm encircles Mrs. Jeffs' head. This provides an interesting reinforcement of the statement often made that the substance out of which ectoplasm is composed comes mainly from the medium, but partially from sitters as well.—M. B.

## HE SPOKE TO 12 SPIRIT FORMS

MATERIALISATION seances held in broad daylight and others at which over a dozen spirit forms fully materialise seem to belong to the "good old days" of Spiritualism.

Nowadays in this country, physical mediums are practically nonexistent. Why? Some say the tempo of modern existence is detrimental to the development of physical mediumship.

Nonsense is made of this view, however, because in America, far more hectic than this sedate land, physical mediums give remarkable demonstrations.

As for materialisations held in broad daylight being a thing of the past—this too is proved fallacious by the seances of J. J. Dickson, another American, and one of the outstanding mediums of the age.

Gustaf Romander, in the Californian magazine, "The Co-operator," tells how at one Dickson seance, he spoke to more than 12 fully materialised spirit forms, most of them his relatives.

"The first one," he writes, "gave the name of my mother-in-law, Kathrine Burns Monahan, who had passed away at the age of 94. She sent her love to my wife and her sister."

"The next one to materialise was Gustaf Romander, my nephew. After he appeared my mother and father and three sisters materialised. I could see their forms so plainly, I was deeply affected."

"Following them came Gustaf Karlson, my boyhood chum from Sweden who was killed in the Boer War."

## Are poltergeists caused by repressions?

THE year: A.D. 355. The place: Bingen-am-Rhein, Germany. Raps and terrific blows are heard. Stones are thrown. People are pulled out of bed.

So manifests the first poltergeist of which we have record.

Since that time this boisterous, sometimes turbulent phenomenon has, in the words of Shakespeare's Puck (no mean poltergeist himself) "put a girdle round about the earth."

He drinks wine in the year -530. tears fish apart in Iceland in A.D. 1000, throws stones in France in the 15th century, pulls hair in Hungary in 1666. He scares India with explosions, rings bells in Russia smashes crockery in Canada, breaks bottles in Italy, burns down houses in America.

1903, and Buenos Aires winces under his indignities. The same year he penetrates the sultry Sumatra jungle and gives a display with slowly-moving stones that float from the ceiling. Some months later he crops up simultaneously in seven countries and ends the spree by tying knots in horses' tails. At times he even talks.

He has killed a man.

### MAKING IT HOT

Who, what, is he—this anonymous, ubiquitous, tempestuous presence?

One thing he is not, and that is a ghost. Ghosts haunt houses; poltergeists trouble people. Where you go, he goes.

He is a past master at the art of apportioning, and can levitate enormous weights effortlessly. The stones and objects he throws usually move slowly and seem to take a curved path; they are unduly warm, often hot—to the touch—even in Siberia!

He loves a fire and can set one off in a locked cupboard. He has a predilection for parsonages. England is his favourite country.

### DIVERTED ENERGY

Perhaps the most outstanding aspect of his chequered career is that he generally manifests at or about the period of puberty in a child. In their book "The Story of the Poltergeist Down the Centuries" (Rider and Co., 16s.), Hereward Carrington and Nandor Fodor comment on this. Carrington writes:

"An energy seems to be radiated from the body, in such cases, which induces these phenomena, when the sexual energies are blossoming into maturity within the body. It would almost seem as though these energies, instead of taking their normal course, were somehow turned into another channel, at such times, and were externalised beyond the limits of the body—producing the manifestations in question. The spontaneous outburst of these phenomena seems to be associated with the awakening of the sex energies at that time—which finds this curious method of externalisation."

Fodor has this to say:

"Why the age of puberty should be marked, in certain instances, with such uncanny phenomena, no one is able to answer. But it is a legitimate inference that the life force which blossoming sexual powers represent is finding an abnormal outlet. Biologically, the disturbances spring from the organism of the afflicted person. But whether the mischievous intelligence can also be traced to the



Nandor Fodor

psyche of the adolescent really forms the crux of the poltergeist problem."

Fodor is convinced that the poltergeist is nothing but "a bundle of projected repressions."

"I began to wonder" he writes, "whether indeed a devastating shock might not produce a kind of psychic lobotomy, tearing loose part of the mental system and leaving it floating free, like a disembodied entity, but still capable of personality-development, as any autonomous complex would be, though on a different, apparently fourth-dimensional plane of activity."

### VICIOUS CIRCLE

Fodor is certain the poltergeist is the psychologist's rather than the physicist's problem. He goes even further.

"For 60 years," he complains, "psychical research has gone round in a vicious circle because it has failed to give due consideration to the essentially psychological nature of mediumistic phenomena."

"I am convinced that the exploration of the unconscious mind of mediums by the means provided in psychoanalysis would solve many mysteries and would lead to discoveries of considerable importance both to psychology and psychical research."

### SHE KILLED A MAN

But to return to the book's main subject and in particular to the two most extraordinary poltergeists of which I have ever heard—the Bell Witch, and Gef, the "talking mongoose."

The former was an abominable entity who implacably persecuted and finally murdered a Tennessee farmer. Fodor's analysis of this case is an expert piece of Freudian sleuthing.

Gef, as endearing as the Bell Witch is horrible, claimed to be a mongoose! He haunted the attic of a remote house in the Isle of Man, from which he conducted the most incredible conversations in language far from genteel. Yet for all his perky swagger he had one enormous fear.

He was afraid of ghosts!

W. F. N.

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## THEY LOOK FOR GHOSTS WITH RADAR AND WALKIE-TALKIE

IT is a pity that "Illustrated" was facetious in its account printed last week of the 13 Sussex ghost-hunters, for it was hard to tell whether readers were meant to take it seriously. The headline was "Science Haunts Ghosts!"

In the introduction to the article it stated that the "ghost-hunters are hounding down the pick of the county's authentic pedigree phantoms." One caption referred to their apparatus as "spook abatement gear."

### PLAIN PHANTOM

These investigators work on a scientific basis and do not collaborate with priests in exorcism. They are led by their founder, ex-policeman Ted Henty, who is a professional magician and hypnotist.

Henty states that he has seen nine apparitions. The outstanding factor about them is that they conveyed no sense of colour to him. The activities of the ghosts are not only confined to darkness because one became visible to him on a Sunday afternoon.

To avoid ridicule and disbelief the ghost-hunters insist on signed statements and even make recordings of them. Their apparatus includes radar, tape recorders, field telephones, a walkie-talkie set and an ultra-violet instrument.

Bruce Copen, one of the investigators, uses a divining rod. He is regarded as the key man in the organisation. Copen uses a "radio-magnetic detector pendulum" with which he can ascertain the sex of a body and exactly place the seat of a disturbance.

The ghost-hunters do not always succeed. In Brighton there is a 200-year-old house which has been empty for 20 years.

### THEY ALL LEFT

Altogether three caretakers left, refusing to stay. None knew the others, but each told the same story. Paint pots, brushes and ornaments moved about mysteriously. They heard the shuffling of feet and the creaking of floorboards.

The owner is a ghost-hunter and bought the house because of its reputation.

Nothing happened on the night when representatives from "Illustrated" accompanied the investigators.

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# 10-YEAR-OLD TALKS TO "DEAD" FATHER AT SEANCE

This week's extract from Mrs. V. Carleton Jones's fascinating book, "And the Sound Of a Voice," describes a voice seance at which the sitters were four children. The naturalness and joy of these children in the atmosphere of the seance room is proof positive that there was nothing harmful in what transpired. The medium is Alice Barrett, one of the world's leading sensitives.

THE four children who attended the direct voice circle were: Leonard Barrett (aged five), Jennifer Hall (aged nine), Wreford Hall (aged 11), and Verdon Lloyd (aged ten). In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, the recorder, Miss Baranov, sat at a table outside the circle.

There were three trumpets, two luminous and one unpainted, and a luminous tambourine in the room. Besides the flowers in the circle, there were two basins of cold water on the table.

When the children took their seats, Jennifer held two nosegays in her hand, Verdon had two rosebuds and Lennie a spray of pansies.

While Mr. Barrett and Miss Baranov pinned a heavy curtain over the door, Mrs. Barrett explained to the children the procedure of a voice circle. This explanation was evidently accepted by the guides in lieu of the usual warning (i.e., not to grasp trumpets or materialisations, without permission), because phenomena were not withheld, as is usually the case in an adult circle, till the warning is given.

The lights were put out and Mr. Barrett turned on the gramophone. The children chatted happily about the luminous paint on the trumpets and anything about the circle that occurred to them. They sat quietly, showing no excitement or fear, but the keenest interest. Mrs. Barrett hummed to the music and the children joined in. Lennie remarked casually, "They haven't tum yet," which caused the grown-ups much amusement.

At the end of the record Mr. Barrett said the opening prayer, making it as simple as possible, and the children listened in respectful silence, but as soon as it was over they started their questions again. "Are we going to have only one more record?" and so on.

Immediately the tambourine rose into the air and, as it ascended higher and higher, delighted gurgles came from the children and "Oh's and Oo's" of thrilled astonishment. It was manipulated beautifully by Firefly, a guide, as an accompaniment to the music, and Lennie laughed out loud as he watched it moving about and vibrating to her

touch, for almost the whole record. While the record was being changed, the children went on talking, showing a refreshing naturalness and ease that is often lacking in adult circles.

Verdie (referring to the tambourine performance): "Didn't you like that, Lennie-ben?" Lennie (with a sigh of satisfaction): "Yes."

Jennie (referring to Firefly): "When does she take the flowers?" Mrs. Barrett: "Just now."

Jennie: "The flowers in my right hand are for Firefly and my left hand for Grandpa."

Wreford (thrilled): "Oh, somebody has touched me."

Verdie: "Daddy took my flowers."

Firefly took Lennie's flowers and then Jennifer called out: "Both my flowers have gone!"

Leslie touched Mrs. Barrett, touched Verdie's face and then spoke to his little daughter, through the trumpet.

His voice was not audible to the other sitters, but Verdie heard and was no more emotional than she would have been on the telephone.

She was heard to say: "Thank you, daddy. I beg your pardon? Yes, I have grown. Yes, daddy, I beg your pardon? Yes, daddy, good-bye, daddy." And kisses from

her daddy sounded through the trumpet.

Then she told the other sitters what her daddy had said: "I have to behave like a lady. He asked if I liked school and what standard I was in. Daddy also touched my collar and he touched me with his hand."

Wreford: "Somebody was holding my wrist just now."

Lennie received a touch. Verdie: "Daddy has touched me again."

Loud slaps were heard on Wreford's hands. He tried to guess who it was: "Firefly? Geoff? Grandpa Hall?" and two taps, signifying "correct" came at the last guess.

Verdie: "Daddy also said: 'Thank you for the flowers.'" (Two taps were rapped out on the trumpet.)

Leslie spoke to his small nephew, Lennie: "Hello, Leonard, hello, Leonard! What a big boy you have grown! You are going to school soon. You play chess, don't you? There are some little boys over here who play chess, but they play outside under the trees, and the birds are singing, and everything is lovely."

Then he spoke to his little girl again.

Verdie: "Daddy said I should

also do my lessons there on the grass when the birds are singing and nature is true and everything is happy and gay."

Firefly, in her sweet, whispering voice, spoke to Mrs. Barrett, correcting this. She said "It is better for her to do her lessons outside because there she is nearer to truth and to nature—outside on the grass."

Grandpa Hall spoke to Jennie and this chubby little girl conversed with him with a poise that an elegant young lady of 25 might envy.

Jennie's replies, in her cool, little, unflurried voice, came most distinctly: "Grandpa, did you receive my flowers? . . . Grandpa, did you come to me one night? . . . Grandpa, did you see me?"

Grandpa Hall then spoke to Wreford. He asked him how old he was and told him he could pick up the pencil which had fallen on the floor. He remarked that he was growing a big boy.

Jennie (in a clear voice, slowly enunciating every word most carefully, as if she were repeating a piece of recitation in school): "He said: 'Hello, how are you?' and I said: 'Have you seen my new little puppy?' Grandpa said: 'Many a time.' He said I must train my puppy very well and then I asked (Turn to page 8, column 1)

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Wed., 3 p.m., Philosophy Meeting.  
7.30 p.m., Clairvoyance, Mrs. MABEL WARD.  
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Sun., April 19, at 6.30 p.m., Mr. AYRES and Mr. NICHOLSON.

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Wed., April 15, 2.30 p.m., Ladies' Meeting, Mrs. E. SPENCER, 8 p.m., Healing Service.  
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Sun., April 19, 6.30 p.m., Mrs. W. HODGES, Address and Clairvoyance.

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Mon., April 13, 7.30 p.m., Healing Guild (Leader), Mrs. SPENCER.  
Tues., April 14, 7.30 p.m., Clairvoyance, Mrs. PARRY.  
Wed., April 15, 7.30 p.m., Public Dev. Circle (Ldr.), Mrs. BRADLEY.  
Thurs., April 16, 7.30 p.m., Private Members' Cl. (Ldr.) Mrs. SPENCER.  
Sat., April 18, 7.30 p.m., Open Circle, Mr. R. H. BAYLIFFE.  
Sun., April 19, 3 p.m., Open Circle (Leader), Mrs. BRADLEY, 6.30 p.m., Divine Service, 8 p.m., Mr. J. CAUSTON, Open Circle.

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Tues., April 14, 8 p.m., Open Circle, Thurs., at 8 p.m., Miss HAMPTON.  
Fri., 8 p.m., Healing Guild.  
Sat., 7.30 p.m., Open Circle.  
Sun., April 19, 6.30 p.m., Mrs. HILLAS.

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Thurs., at 3 p.m., Ladies' Meeting.  
Sat., at 6.30 p.m., Open Circle.  
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Sun., April 19, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Mrs. M. FLAVELL.

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## Behind the scenes



THE first words spoken by Silver Birch are always the same, "May the power of the Great White Spirit bless you all."

Then comes his opening invocation, which always ends with, "This is the prayer of Thy Indian servant who seeks to serve."

Next follows his usual opening comment to the circle, "I am very happy to come amongst you and to bring my love and greeting from the world of spirit."

With unfailing courtesy, he always speaks first to newcomers.

His benediction usually ends with, "May the power of the Great White Spirit bless you all."

The sittings are held in good white light. Every word is recorded by an expert stenographer.

"MATTER is so thin that it cannot keep away the man you love and who loves you." These words were used by Silver Birch, guide of Hannen Swaffer's home circle, to comfort a woman bereaved by the passing of her husband.

Both had visited the circle in days gone by and were admirers of Silver Birch. This time, the woman, who possesses psychic gifts, was accompanied by her daughter.

Referring to the husband, the guide said to the wife: "His protective love is always round and about you. He is smoothing out the path before you, until the time comes for you to join him. That is not in your hands, neither is it in his. When natural laws decree that the spirit is ready to say farewell to earth, you will come and take up again a life story that has only been interrupted on one plane."

## PLEA TO SERVE

"Help others who have not the knowledge with which you are blessed, that is important; so you add to the rich blessing that you already possess."

"He is a fine spirit, with not even a scar or a blemish to mar his spiritual being, and he is having a wonderful time, exploring all aspects of life in our world, tirelessly gathering more and more knowledge. He wants you to know that he particularly enjoys himself in the many halls of music, listening to the composers themselves playing their masterpieces."

"Visualise him as he is, a radiant, bright spirit whose mantle is wrapped around you. Of course,

## Silver Birch comforts a bereaved wife

your boy is with him all the time. Hand in hand, they go off together always. He only wishes you could see them as clearly as he sees you."

Addressing the daughter, Silver Birch told her: "Your career will go on and always the inner aspect of your own healing will blend with the work that you are doing."

"Sometimes I am not so keen on my career going on," said the visitor. "There are many disadvantages in a hospital these days."

"You must always remember the good that is done; that is the most important. If you bring relief and easement to one soul, that is a lot. Remember always that you are touching souls as well as bodies. If you help the spirit within to find a clearer expression, you are doing great work."

"You have attracted to yourself many who desire to go on using you as an instrument. Even though it is only rarely that you are conscious of this fact, know that they are there all the time, and if you call on them they will help."

"I would like to know that."

## RADIATING LIGHT

"Those who have knowledge always radiate the light of that knowledge and automatically attract from our world beings who can help. Call on them and they will help you."

The guide later addressed himself to a husband and wife—she is the stenographer—who are among the original members of the circle. "You have been very faithful," he said. "It has seemed that I have had to neglect you because of the many visitors that we have had here."

"I felt sure you would always understand that we must give our service to the strangers who come because, after all, they do not have the knowledge that we have."

"Because I know you love me as I love you, I have taken it for granted that you would not feel that I have neglected you. But if I have not spoken as much as I would like to have done to my own children, it is not that I love you any the less. It is because I regard you as members of my family who should not have the attention that others receive."

## TASK TO BE DONE

Then turning to other circle members, Silver Birch said:

"Having said that, you know that my heart is warmed always by the fidelity and loyalty and love that you have always shown to me. A long time ago I said that my task was not finished. There is a lot of work to be done and you will help me to do it."

Here the guide addressed two visitors who had been asked to attend regularly: "You have been brought here because you are going to share in that labour and to see how the power of the spirit can work in ways that will bring light and truth, comfort and direction, healing and guidance to many. I hope that when the call is made you will discharge your duties to the best of your abilities and fulfil the purpose of your being in this world. The time is coming when you have to answer the call even more strongly than you have yet done. All that has gone before is but a prelude."

The guide's closing words were:

"Those who have the knowledge should always remember that they must be the exemplars and exhibit in their own lives the spirit of peace and goodwill, tolerance, mercy, compassion, charity, sympathy and kindness, for these are the gifts of the spirit, the expression of the spirit which are the manifestations of the divine."

## TO GET PEACE

"The world cannot achieve peace until peace dwells in the hearts of all those who live in the world. Peace does not come from without, it comes from within. The power of the spirit is mightier than anything in the world, mightier than all the power unleashed by your latest discoveries."

"Within all mankind is the tremendous dynamic of the divine, waiting to be released by those who have the knowledge. And this power is yours to be used, not for destruction, but for service."

"The Great Spirit bless you all and make you conscious of the infinite power which He has given and which is at your disposal to help you to order your lives in such a spirit that you will always be His instruments of service, seeking to serve the Great Spirit by serving His children who need that service."

"Thus will you be brought closer to the divine creator, because you will have achieved a harmony of purpose with Him."

"The Great Spirit bless you all."

## "Oh Great White Spirit..."

HERE is the prayer with which Silver Birch opened the circle:

Oh Great White Spirit, whose power enables us all to live and whose spirit animates us all, we desire to draw as closely as we can to the source of all being, the fount of all creation, and gather from its infinite storehouse some of the gleams that will add to our knowledge.

We recognise that because Thou are infinite we cannot comprehend the whole of the vast cosmic scheme, which embraces the majestic universe in all its infinite aspects.

We know that throughout every phase of being the natural laws, which Thou hast devised, control and regulate and sustain every facet of universal activity. We pay tribute to the wonder and marvel of the supreme laws that faultlessly and ceaselessly take charge of everything that comes within the orbit of life, whether it be the life visible, or the life that is invisible.

We know nothing of miracles or alterations to natural law. We know nothing of chance. We recognise that the law is constant and that divine wisdom runs as a thread throughout the universe.

Within the scope and embrace of this supreme scheme, there are those who belong to the inner life, who have developed greater aspects of their being and who are charged with the task of guiding and helping those who can respond to their ministry.

We rejoice at the numerous occasions on which love bridges the gulf

## A guide's eloquent invocation

of death and makes itself known to its beloved, for this reveals that the whole scheme of life is due to a divine love which has ordained that the greatest of human affections shall continue to find expression even when death intervenes.

We strive to bring them within the field of our labours, so that some souls can be awakened to the realisation of the spiritual realities, for this is the purpose of their earthly life. To this end we pray and work.

Thus it is that we continue to direct our labours into those channels which will lead the many who mourn and who are not comforted, the many who are sick and are not yet healed, the many who live in darkness and have not yet found the light, the many whose hearts are filled with sorrow and anguish and have not found peace and happiness.

This is the prayer of Thy Indian servant who seeks to serve.

## ANY QUESTIONS?

READERS are invited to submit impersonal questions of general interest. These will be read to Silver Birch. His replies will be published in our columns.

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## Children receive evidence at a voice seance

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him if he could pat my hand and he said 'Yes.'

Mrs. Barrett and Miss Baranov burst out laughing and Miss Baranov, said, "That was lovely, Jennie."

Clive now addressed his nephew. "Good evening, Wreford," he said, his voice quite clear; then not so distinctly, "It is Uncle Clive," and "Give me a kiss."

He then went to Jen and said: "What a sweet girl you are! Give me a kiss," and the sound of kissing came from the trumpet.

Jennie assured her mother after the circle that her Uncle Clive had actually kissed her on the cheek; also that she saw him "like a dark shadow holding the trumpet."

Verdie: "I wish Firefly would dance again!"

At once Firefly complied, making the luminous trumpet bow to each little visitor, much to Lennie's joy. The trumpet rose very high and, pointing in Miss Baranov's direction, bowed to her.

### ASKED FOR THE GUIDE

It returned in a moment to the floor and then rose again, this time actually pointing outside the circle, and bowed once more.

Miss Baranov laughed and said, "That was very clever," and the trumpet retired.

Jennie: "I wish Dr. Graeme (the chief guide) would come. I want to ask him a question."

Lennie (not to be outdone): "I wish Firefly would dance again."

The trumpet touched Verdie.

Verdie: "Daddy, have you seen my little puppy?"

Leslie: "Yes, I call it little pig. It is so fat."

Verdie: "That is what Grandpa calls it. Do you know what its name is?"

Leslie: "Jean."

Verdie: "That is right, daddy."

Leslie: "Doctor said he is going to stop the circle just now."

Verdie: "Yes, daddy. Good night, daddy."

Dr. Graeme, with amusement rippling in his voice: "Miss Jennifer, do you want to speak to me?"

Jennie: "Can you let Binkie bark?"

Dr. Graeme: "Binkie bark? We will try, but I am afraid not tonight, Miss Jennifer."

Lennie (feeling left out): "I wish somebody would talk to me."

Voice: "Hello, Lennie."

Lennie: "Who it that?"

Voice: "Guess!"

### COMPLETE ACCEPTANCE

Lennie: "Uncle Leslie?"

Voice: "No."

Mrs. Barrett: "Grandpa Barrett?"

Grandpa Barrett (very gently to Lennie): "Yes. Hello, my little Len."

A moment or two later Dr. Graeme said: "I am afraid, my children, we will have to close now. Good night, all."

Children: "Good night."

Lennie (to the adults' absolute astonishment): "Thank you very much."

Verdie: "Same here."

Farewell touches were rapidly given to each sitter and the circle closed with a short prayer said by Mr. Barrett.

I consider that Miss Baranov's account of this circle, which you have just read, needs no introduction or explanation. It speaks for itself and the happiness of the children and their complete acceptance of its wonders, is an object lesson to the world.

How fortunate were these little ones to be brought up in such an atmosphere, accepting quite naturally the continued existence of their dear ones on the Other Side!

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## Healer figures in assault case

DAVID GABRIEL BLISS, 80, retired theatre proprietor, was awarded £187 19s. damages for assault, with costs, at Sussex Assizes last week, against John Jesse Thomas, of Sussex Square, Brighton, described as a spiritual healer.

Mr. Bliss said that he was punched on the jaw and knocked down. He added that he was leaving a block of flats in Sussex Square when Thomas struck him without provocation.

Mr. Thomas, denying the assault, said he had a plate on the door of his flat—"The Blue Cross Healing Centre." Bliss called him a quack.

Mr. B. Dutton Briant, for Bliss: I understand you go into a trance and you are then taken possession of by spirits?—That is correct.

Were you under their influence when this incident happened?—No, I cannot do it without a prayer and I had not said a prayer that morning.

### By the Editor

IT is hard to understand why the question of spiritual healing was introduced into this case, seeing that it was not one of the issues. Why should Thomas be asked if

## Dear Sir . . .

We do not necessarily agree with the views expressed by readers but print those we think express viewpoints which should be aired. The shorter your letter, the easier it is to find room for it.

### Only A Phase

A TRUE Spiritualist is an individual who, before anything else, has achieved humility by a searching study of his inner self and who views his discoveries in relation to the divine law of spiritual evolution.

He will not be bound by creedalism, orthodoxy or dogma, or be governed entirely by articles of faith and beliefs created by Spiritualistic bodies or councils. He will not even be bound by that which he believes to be true at any one stage of his unfoldment, but will always be ready to discard that which is no longer of use to him.

He recognises that adherence to fixed beliefs result in stagnation and hinder spiritual progression.

He will realise that it is not sufficient to label himself as a Spiritualist. There are many displaying this label who have little conception of what is required of them.

A Spiritualist should believe that we are spirits clothed in a physical body which we shall eventually discard; that this earth life can only be admitted as a phase of individual development and that as we are spirits and of the spirit, we can communicate with other spirits not having an earthly body, providing the conditions for such communication are observed and complied with.—F. Anton, 103, Turnpike Lane, London, N.8.

### On The Job

READERS may care to know some of the places I have left psychic literature—on trains, trams, buses, lorries, taxis, private cars; in private houses, cinemas, theatres, waiting rooms of doctors, dentists; in factories, public houses, golf links, parks, shops, churches; underneath a cushion at a sceptical friend's house; on deck chairs, boats, ferries and piers; in hotels,

boarding houses; at railway stations and in waiting rooms, and lastly, the undertakers.—J. J. Redgewell, 32, Parkside Avenue, Barnehurst, Kent.

### Memories From The Past

I WAS reading the "Christchurch Press" and came across, in the correspondence columns, a short letter on the subject of Stalin's death. It is very much on a Spiritualist basis and is signed "Two Worlds."

This brought into my consciousness the knowledge that there is such a paper as *Two Worlds* which, of course, I know very well. I am a native of Chester, a Spiritualist of 53 years' standing, and have lived in New Zealand for 43 years.

I remember quite well one night travelling from Chester, where the then editor of *Two Worlds* had been taking a meeting. I have some recollection of the subject which we were discussing in the train, though why the recollection of the minor matter which we were discussing should have found lodgment in my mind over such a period is more than I can account for.—E. L. Jones, Victoria Home, Oamaru, New Zealand.

### What Is A Spiritualist?

A SPIRITUALIST is a person who tries to carry out his beliefs in his life. He should be ready to give service to his fellow-creatures, without being asked, and work for the good of mankind.

To work to make the world a better place to live in should be an uppermost thought.—John Reed, 45, Tanners Hill, London, S.E.8.

### Can You Help?

IF it is possible I should like to be put into touch with a Spiritualist in or around Nairobi, Kenya. My sister out there is very interested and would like to develop healing, because she has so much to do with natives and their illnesses. She helps to farm in a somewhat lonely spot.—(Mrs.) S. Stanton, 4, Weymouth Court, Weymouth Street, London, W.1.

### Prodigies Explained?

IN his book "Psychic Adventures of a Musician," Florizel von Reuter confirms Mr. Furnell's opinion that the prodigy, Miss Gianella, was controlled when conducting.

Florizel von Reuter, the celebrated violinist, was also a juvenile prodigy and performed before many of the crowned heads in Europe.

Later, when he was touring America, he was persuaded to attend a direct voice seance. Although he knew nothing of Spiritualism, nevertheless he was evidentially spoken to by that great master of the violin, Paganini, who told him that he had always guided and influenced him.—H. Drew, 64, Shelley Road, Worthing, Sussex.

### Problem of Prayer

I HAVE read with interest the remarks of Dr. M. Vivian in your journal on the value of prayer. I am assuming that Dr. Vivian is an M.D. If so, she will have had ample opportunities to see the futility of prayer.

It must be realised that neither the so-called Almighty nor any discarnate spirits are able to grant any requests from people on this earth, because all, even the Almighty, are subject to cosmic law and the evolutionary plan. To sidetrack one iota of that plan

would produce chaos extending into infinity.

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